

The Maine Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS), MaineAEYC, and Maine Roads to Quality Professional Development Network are working together to update the temporary listing of the child care programs that are open and able to offer care to children in Maine.

As we continue to navigate through COVID-19, many programs have remained open, several are now reopening after temporary closure, and others remain closed. To help those parents looking to find child care, we have compiled two lists which can be located in a special section on the Child Care Choices website: <https://www.childcarechoices.me/index.php/home-page/>

- A weekly updated list of licensed child care programs in the state that are open with information about the number of available slots.
- A list of Non-Relative License Exempt Providers who offer care for children enrolled in the Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) and, therefore, have had a background check. (Gov. Mills signed an Executive Order on March 24, 2020 that increased the number of unrelated children a license exempt provider can enroll from two to three.)
https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/documents/covid-19/EO%20FY19_20%20Family%20Child%20Care%20Providers.pdf

Providers - MaineAEYC will send you a link to a Google form at the beginning of each week to update your open/closed status and number of open slots by age group. Please set aside a few minutes each Monday/Tuesday to complete the form. Please click on the appropriate link below to complete and submit the initial form if you have not already done so:

- If you are a licensed provider and have open enrollment for child care in your program, please fill out this form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdbuawSTdbD-ljd5BoJNLLAgZyGXdh1yVrZrwWQ1AuF4j5SmQ/viewform>
- If you are a CCSP Non-Relative License Exempt Provider who can temporarily care for additional child/children, please fill out this form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScutPVU-uv3MlgpwYUmh3YZ77c_-DM6cVhZPWUXb5zVU2hT7w/viewform

Please refer to the COVID Response page on the OCFS website for latest updates and information, including important information about licensing and child care subsidies:
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/ocfs/COVID-19-response>

Stay safe and healthy.